



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1013***

LCO No. 1323

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT REQUIRING ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS TO MAKE FORENSIC NURSING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) As used in this  
2 section, "forensic nursing" means the application of forensic science to  
3 the practice of nursing and includes (1) the assessment and treatment  
4 of victims and perpetrators of crimes against persons, and (2) the  
5 collection or documentation of physical evidence that may contain  
6 evidentiary value and be presented in a criminal or civil proceeding in  
7 a court of law.

8 (b) Each acute care hospital in this state shall make forensic nursing  
9 services available to its patients.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require acute care hospitals to make forensic nursing services available to patients.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*